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WASHINGTON, November 7, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 2 totaled an estimated 18.8 billion ton-miles, 3.4 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 752.7 billion ton-miles, down 4.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 2 totaled 406,440, up 5.0 percent from last year, and 4.0 percent over the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 21.6 percent in the East and 0.4 percent in the West, but down 3.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 14 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal loadings were up by 19,185 cars (19.3 percent) and grain showed a gain of 4,231 cars (14.4 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 26 totaled 94,235 trailers and/or containers, 0.2 percent above the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 3,732,040 trailers and/or containers, down 1.7 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/02/85:

	Loadings in Week ended November 2, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,713	I	4,231	14.4	I	7,219	27.2
Other farm products	4,614	D	1,171	20.2	I	410	9.8
Metallic ores	16,134	I	1,596	11.0	D	739	4.4
Coal	118,584	I	19,185	19.3	I	5,051	4.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,381	D	17	0.1	D	62	0.5
Nonmetallic minerals	10,656	D	1,743	14.1	I	814	8.3
Grain mill products	10,867	I	157	1.5	D	94	0.9
Food and kindred products	11,712	I	1	0.0	I	129	1.1
Primary forest products	10,561	D	2,960	21.9	D	647	5.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,149	D	203	2.8	I	146	2.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,508	D	1,64[illegible]	10.9	I	111	0.8
Chemicals and allied products	23,279	D	326	1.4	D	137	0.6
Petroleum products	4,467	D	31	0.7	D	54	1.2
Stone, clay and glass products	10,157	D	894	8.1	D	120	1.2
Coke	5,142	D	250	4.6	I	399	8.4
Metals and products	8,426	D	362	4.1	I	711	9.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,795	I	2,328	11.4	I	1,664	7.9
Waste and scrap materials	8,166	D	568	6.5	D	420	4.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,893	D	1,100	13.8	D	5	0.1
All other carloads	66,069	I	3,257	5.2	I	1,289	2.0
LCL traffic	167	D	26	13.5	D	13	7.2
Total Cars Loaded	406,440	I	19,460	5.0	I	15,652	4.0
Corresponding week of 1984	386,980						

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks)	16,556,710	17,423,822	D 5.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
43 Weeks ended October 26	733.9	770.2	D 4.7
Week ended November 2	18.8	18.2	I 3.4
44 weeks cumulative	752.7	788.4	D 4.5

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WASHINGTON, November 14, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 9 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent below the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 770.7 billion ton-miles, down 4.5 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 9 totaled 388,852, down 0.1 percent from last year, and 4.3 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 9.1 percent in the East, but down 4.3 percent in the South and 2.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 13 of the 21 major commodity groups decreased. However, coal loadings were up by 3,880 cars (3.7 percent) despite severe flooding in the Virginia and West Virginia coal fields. Grain showed a gain of 4,906 cars (17.9 percent). Thirteen of the 21 commodity groups declined from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 2 totaled 95,391 trailers and/or containers, 1.0 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 3,827,431 trailers and/or containers, down 1.7 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/9/85:

	Loadings in Week ended November 9, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,322	I	4,906	17.9	D	1,391	4.1
Other farm products	5,021	D	1,749	25.8	I	407	8.8
Metallic ores	14,515	D	2,352	13.9	D	1,619	10.0
Coal	109,004	I	3,880	3.7	D	9,580	8.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,898	D	449	3.4	D	484	3.6
Nonmetallic minerals	11,334	I	345	3.1	I	678	6.4
Grain mill products	10,894	I	237	2.2	I	26	0.2
Food and kindred products	11,714	I	504	4.5	I	2	0.0
Primary forest products	11,194	D	2,308	17.1	I	626	5.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,539	D	238	3.5	D	625	8.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,990	D	1,553	10.7	D	465	3.5
Chemicals and allied products	22,723	D	1,453	6.0	D	562	2.4
Petroleum products	4,797	D	112	2.3	I	341	7.7
Stone, clay and glass products	9,687	D	1,536	13.7	D	473	4.7
Coke	5,008	D	69	1.4	D	134	2.6
Metals and products	7,509	D	615	7.6	D	917	10.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,374	I	788	3.7	D	421	1.8
Waste and scrap materials	8,171	D	249	3.0	I	21	0.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,249	D	1,578	20.2	D	644	9.3
All other carloads	63,688	I	3,140	5.2	D	2,378	3.6
LCL traffic	221	I	76	52.4	I	54	32.3
Total Cars Loaded	388,852	D	385	0.1	D	17,538	4.3
Corresponding week of 1984	389,237						

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (45 weeks)	16,945,512	17,813,059	D 4.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
44 Weeks ended November 2	752.7	788.4	D 4.5
Week ended November 9	18.1	18.3	D 1.3
45 Weeks cumulative	770.7	806.7	D 4.5

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WASHINGTON, November 26, 1985 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 16 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 2.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1984, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1985 was an estimated 788.7 billion ton-miles, down 4.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 16 totaled 387,761, up 2.7 percent from last year, but 0.3 percent below the preceding week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 13.9 percent in the East, but were down 1.0 percent in the South and 1.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 21 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings were up by 11,016 cars (11.1 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment loadings showed a gain of 1,427 cars (6.7 percent). Eleven of the 21 commodity groups declined from the preceding week.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 9 totaled 92,871 trailers and/or containers, 0.9 percent below the corresponding week of 1984.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 3,920,302 trailers and/or containers, down 1.7 percent from 1984.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/16/85:

	Loadings in Week ended November 16, 1985		Change from Corresponding Week 1984			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,088	I	12	0.0	D	1,234	3.8
Other farm products	4,658	D	844	15.3	D	363	7.2
Metallic ores	15,044	I	805	5.7	I	529	3.6
Coal	110,523	I	11,016	11.1	I	1,519	1.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,870	I	217	1.7	D	27	0.2
Nonmetallic minerals	10,422	D	269	2.5	D	912	8.0
Grain mill products	10,422	I	261	2.6	D	472	4.3
Food and kindred products	10,960	I	274	2.6	D	753	6.4
Primary forest products	11,702	D	1,837	13.6	I	520	4.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,701	D	447	6.3	I	159	2.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,921	D	1,190	8.4	D	73	0.6
Chemicals and allied products	23,114	D	143	0.6	I	380	1.7
Petroleum products	4,446	D	414	8.5	D	357	7.4
Stone, clay and glass products	9,998	D	631	5.9	I	314	3.2
Coke	5,015	I	203	4.2	I	7	0.1
Metals and products	8,299	I	745	9.9	I	790	10.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,681	I	1,427	6.7	I	307	1.4
Waste and scrap materials	8,055	D	887	9.9	D	119	1.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	6,567	D	957	12.7	I	318	5.1
All other carloads	62,087	I	2,708	4.6	D	1,602	2.5
LCL traffic	188	I	10	5.6	D	33	14.9
Total Cars Loaded	387,761	I	10,059	2.7	D	1,102	0.3

Corresponding week of 1984 377,702

	1985	1984	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks)	17,333,284	18,190,761	D 4.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
45 Weeks ended November 9	770.7	806.7	D 4.5
Week ended November 16	17.9	17.6	I 2.0
46 Weeks cumulative	788.7	824.3	D 4.3

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